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**Subject:** RE: FW: COVID info on Inmate James Wheeler, Reg. #01227-017

He has not submitted a compassionate release request to the institution based on COVID concerns.  
Attached are his last three years' medical records. He has no disciplinary history.

Thank you,  
Adam

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Definitely need medical records, because he puts his health at issue. It probably wouldn't be a bad thing  
to know if Wheeler has had any disciplinary problems, either.

Thanks!

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Dear Gretchen,

I have reached out to the facility and will let you know as soon as I hear back. Will you also be needing  
medical and disciplinary records?

Thank you,  
Adam

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AM >>>  
Dear Adam Johnson:

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I am trying to find out whether **James L. “Frank” Wheeler** has filed an administrative request for compassionate release or a reduction in sentence with the BOP, based on COVID-19 at FCI Terre Haute, Indiana. His inmate number is **01227-017**. He has a judicial request now pending in his original sentencing court in the Northern District of Ohio (Toledo).

I mistakenly thought the procedure was to ask the BOP of the region where Wheeler is *housed*, but Tracy Knutson (see email chain below) wrote that I must contact the BOP Consolidated Legal Center nearest *my* judicial district. She gave me your name.

Wheeler had sought a reduction of sentence based on the First Step Act, to which the U.S. Attorney responded in opposition in early April. But he has recently amended/supplemented his judicial motion by adding the COVID-19 coronavirus issue, as well. If he has not sought administrative relief on this particular issue, and 30 days have not passed, we will want to cite that as a procedural bar.

Thank you,

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Gretchen:  
Assistance from BOP Legal Staff should be sought from the nearest BOP Consolidated Legal Center (CLC) to your judicial district (not the CLC where the inmate is housed). I believe the Northeast Regional Office CLC covers the Ohio districts.

I did pull the attached for you. Note that this was a pre-COVID-19 request.  
If you need anything else, please seek assistance from the Northeast Region CLC. I have copied Adam Johnson here.

Tracy

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